

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
15 OCTOBER 1996
TAG REVIEW DATE: 15 MAY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Bombing Target, Yuma Reclamation Project

SITE NUMBER: J09CA014500

LOCATION:

City: Seeley
County: Imperial
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA014501

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

The former Bombing Target Yuma Reclamation Project is located in Imperial County, California, approximately 3.65 north of Plaster City. The bombing target consisted of approximately 960 acres of desert land in Southern California. This site is south of El

Centro Naval Air Facility's Target 103A and access to the former Bombing Target Yuma Reclamation Project is through this controlled area. The ASR site team had to coordinate their site visit with the facility's training schedule. Range Control provided the dates and times that the site team could visit Holtville Target #2 (another site) and Yuma Reclamation Project.

4. SITE HISTORY:

In October 1944, the Eleventh Naval District requested permission to secure Section 26 and west ½ of Section 25, Township 15 South, Range 10 East from the Department of Interior as a bombing target. No further information concerning acquisition or disposal of this site was available. Several other Imperial County target sites, acquired during the mid-1940s, were discontinued in approximately 1946. Currently, 640 acres of the original 960-acre site are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), while 320 acres are subject to a proposed Navy withdrawal and, according to BLM, are under the control of the Navy. Therefore, according to the Determination of Eligibility, the 640-acre portion is considered the "formerly used" portion of the site.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	640 (320 of the original 960 acres is still subject to Navy control)
Former Use:	Bombing range
Present Use:	Undeveloped desert/recreation
Probable End Use:	Undeveloped desert/recreation
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed: one .30 cal. bullet; scrap from M38 100-lb. practice bombs; a recent vintage 25-lb. practice bomb (from ASR RAC worksheet/site visit) Potential: other OE used in area

6. **CURRENT STATUS:** A draft Archive Search Report was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in August 1996.

7. **STRATEGY:** RAC 4 OE EE/CA

8. **ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

Off-road activity: The area is identified on Plate 4 as "recreation lands." The Dispersed Site Archive Assessment Sheet which accompanies the ASR lists off-road vehicling as a recreational activity occurring in the area. ASR SI team member Rochelle Ross reported on 4/22/97 that off-road activity does occur on this site. In fact, there is a big off-road event held annually at this site and has been for some years. Otherwise, this site is remote with access difficult even for four-wheel-drive vehicles.

INPR: The INPR could provide no information concerning acquisition or disposal of this site other than, in October 1944, the Eleventh Naval District requested permission to secure Section 26 and West ½ of Section 25, Township 15 South, Range 10 East from the Department of Interior as a bombing target. The INPR assumes, based on documentation for other area sites, that use of Yuma Reclamation Project was discontinued in approximately 1946.

320 Acres: Currently, certain portions of the original site (northeast 1/4 of Section 26 and northwest 1/4 of Section 25 or 320 acres) are subject to a proposed withdrawal by the Department of the Navy. According to a representative of BLM, even though the paperwork for the Navy's withdrawal application had not (as of 17 Jan 95) been completely processed, BLM considered this land to be under the Navy's "jurisdiction." Furthermore, BLM's Desert Access Guide #22 (November 1989) identifies these properties (proposed for withdrawal) as part of a "Live Bombing Area."

Ordnance used or stored by El Centro, Holtville Naval Auxiliary Air Station, and Salton Sea Naval Auxiliary Air Station:

(No records indicate that these were used on this bomb target.)

100-lb water-filled bombs	2.25" rockets
100-lb general purpose bombs	3.5" rockets
500-lb water-filled bombs	5" rockets
500-lb general purpose bombs	Tiny Tim (11.75") rockets
1000-lb water-filled bombs	.30 caliber tracers
1000-lb general purpose bombs	.30 caliber incendiary
1000-lb SAP bombs	.30 caliber armor-piercing
Miniature bombs	ammunition
FS Smoke drums	.50 caliber ammunition
pyrotechnics	20mm ammunition
rocket firers	.45 caliber ball ammunition

Ecology: There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed species, or natural communities. See Paragraph 3.5 in the ASR for further information.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only